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- 1.** That the county of White shall be divided into two distinct counties, as follows, to wit: Beginning on the Caney Fork, where Smith county line crosses the same; running up the channel of said river to the mouth of Rocky river; thence along the top of the dividing ridge between the Caney Fork and Rocky river, to the top of Cumberland mountain; thence along the extreme height of the mountain, eastwardly, until it strikes the wilderness road; then with said road, to the Jackson county line, including Daniel Alexander's dwelling house, in White county; then with the line of Jackson and Smith counties to the beginning. And all that part of White county, lying within the described bounds, be and remain the county of White; and that the courts in the said county of White, shall hereafter commence on the second Mondays of February, May, August and November, and shall be held at the house where Caleb Friley now lives, until otherwise provided for by law.
- 2.** That there be a new county laid off, by the following boundary, to wit: Beginning on Cumberland mountain, where the line of White county strikes the same; thence westwardly, with said mountain to the Indian boundary line; then along said line to the most eastwardly branch of Duck river; thence north to the east boundary of Rutherford county; thence with the lines of Rutherford, Wilson, Smith and White, to the beginning. Which last mentioned bounds shall compose a new county, by the name of Warren.
- 3.** That the courts in said county of Warren, shall be held by commission, to justices of the peace, under the same rules and restrictions as are prescribed for the several counties in this state. And for the due administration of justice, in said county.
- 4.** That the courts of said county of Warren, shall be held on the first Mondays of February, May, August and November, in each year, at the house of Joseph Westmoreland, on the east side of Barren Fork of Collen's river, near a big spring, where Looney's trace crosses the said fork, and shall continue to be held at said place, until otherwise provided by law.
- 5.** That the sheriff of said county of Warren, shall on the constitutional days of holding elections in this state, hold an election at the place of holding court in said county, for the purpose of electing a governor, member to congress, members of the General Assembly, and shall on the Monday succeeding said election, meet the sheriff of Jackson county at the court house, and compare the polls so taken; and the sheriff of Jackson shall give a certificate to the person or persons elected, and where it shall be necessary, the sheriff shall hold an election for electors of president and vice president, under the same restrictions as to the other counties in this state, and make return agreeable to law.
- 6.** That the county of Warren shall compose a part of the district of Winchester, and shall send three jurors to the superior courts of said district.
- 7.** That the militia of said county of Warren, shall constitute the twenty-ninth regiment, and shall hold regimental musters on the fourth Thursday of September in each year, and the colonel or commanding officer of said regiment, shall issue his writ, and appoint the place where elections shall be held for the election of company officers.
- 8.** That the election for field officers for said county of Warren, be held at the place of holding court of said county, on the first Thursday in March in the succeeding day, one thousand eight hundred and eight.
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